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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir,

As required under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b), Applicants submit a statement of the substance of the interview of January 10, 2008.

During the interview, the claims of record in Amendment "E" mailed to the USPTO on November 16, 2007 were discussed. The 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection of Schlensker (U.S. Patent No. 6,936,084) and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection in view of Schlensker in view of Stifano (U.S. Patent No. 4,109,820) were also discussed. The general thrust of the principle arguments presented to the Examiner were substantially the same as the arguments presented in Applicants' Amendment "E" mailed November 16, 2007 which is of record in the application. The Examiner stated that subject to further consideration, he believed the §102(a) rejection would be converted to a § 103(a) rejection. The Examiner indicated claim 5 would be allowable if incorporated into claim 1. The Applicants' representative indicated that he would contact the client regarding the possibility of a further amendment.